

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY BE NAMED IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT ROBBIE D. McNARY.

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Robbie D. McNary was a life-long resident of the Lewistown, Montana, area, served in the U.S. Marine Corps before joining the Montana Army National Guard, and was deployed in support of Operation Joint Forge to Bosnia with Alpha Company of the 1-163rd Infantry Battalion during the 2001-02 timeframe; and

WHEREAS, MSG McNary was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 1-163rd Infantry Battalion in the 2004-05 timeframe and, as the platoon sergeant for 3rd Platoon Charlie Company, led his soldiers in daily combat patrols, on civil affairs, humanitarian, and training missions with the Iraqi army and the Iraqi police, and in offensive operations against the enemy; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2005, while MSG McNary and his platoon conducted a mission to clear improvised explosive devices in the city of Hawijah, Iraq, with the scout platoon, a U.S. Air Force explosive ordinance disposal team, and an attached Iraqi army infantry platoon, coalition forces received fire from a sniper located in the top of a nearby building; and

WHEREAS, MSG McNary led the team that assaulted the building to clear the sniper and, during the breach of the building, was killed instantly when crushed by a Humvee, becoming the first combat loss suffered by the 1-163rd Infantry Battalion since World War II; and

WHEREAS, MSG McNary was posthumously awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star Medal for distinguished service in combat operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Montana Department of Military Affairs be requested to name the Lewistown National Guard Armory, currently known as the S.H. Mitchell Armory, the McNary-Mitchell Armory to honor the memory of MSG Robbie D. McNary.

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